

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES
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		✓	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 09/13/02
			10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
			10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☒ is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
(a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)**13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.**

(✓)	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) ROBERT D. FLOWERS	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SOLICITATION

1. The following questions have been received for this procurement:

Question 1.

Reference: Section L.6 Identification of Uncompensated Overtime. This section requires Offerors to provide the Government with uncompensated overtime rates in as much detail as compensated rates for rates based on a 40 hour work week. Please clarify if the Government will use this 40 hour work week adjusted price in the evaluation of total price?

Response: The adjusted price will be utilized in the evaluation of the total price.

Question 2.

Reference: Section L.29 EPA's Goals for Subcontracting with Small Business. Offeror assumes that subcontracting goals for SDB's, WOSB's, HUBZones and VOSDB's are included in the 50% SB goal? Is this interpretation correct?

Response: Your interpretation is correct.

Question 3.

Reference Section G.7 Indirect Costs. The RFP states the need for a Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data upon establishment of final indirect rates. Indirect rates are usually certified with a Certificate of Indirect Costs. Will this document satisfy the requirement noted in G.9?

Response: The method of certification of final rates is determined by you and your cognizant audit agency.

Question 4.

Reference Section L.17 Evaluation of Other Direct Costs. Could the Government please provide an additional breakout of the anticipated locations of the audit trips and the estimated number of audit trips to each location to be priced under Travel for accurate pricing purposes for the Optional Quantity? In lieu of this data, will the government consider providing an estimated cost per trip for pricing consistency among offerors?

Response. We are unable to provide specific locations of the trips. Due to the uncertainty of origination points of travel, we do not feel an estimated cost per trip for pricing consistency would be practical. We will review the travel costs proposed by all offerors for reasonableness and consistency.

Question 5.

Reference Section L.26 Submission of Cost Proposals and Section L.11. Instructions for the Preparation of Proposals. Section L.11 allows offerors to submit cost detail in a software format other than Lotus but Section L.26 makes no mention of the acceptability of other programs. Please clarify if offerors are allowed to submit cost information via another software program such as Excel.

Response. Other software is acceptable, including Excel.

Question 6.

Reference Section M.1, Evaluation of Options. Please clarify if the total price will be evaluated by adding the total price of the basic requirement (including all optional requirements) to the total price of all options (including all optional requirements). Will the total evaluated price include the base level of effort plus the optional level of effort plus the other direct cost elements included in the solicitation plus all appropriate burdens and fee? Please confirm.

Response. The total price to be evaluated includes all cost, i.e., base and optional hours for all periods, indirect costs, other direct costs, and fee.

Question 7.

Reference Section G.7 Indirect Costs and Section L.11 B.3.iv. Section G includes information on indirect rate ceilings. Section L indicates that indirect rate ceilings are optional for new or substantially reorganized cost centers. This offeror assumes that indirect rate ceilings are optional. Please confirm. If indirect rate ceilings are proposed, how will the Government use these rates to calculate the total evaluated price?

Response. Indirect rate ceilings are optional. If, during review of any proposal, it is deemed in the Government's best interest to establish ceilings, they will be negotiated at that time. Evaluation of price is based on supported rates proposed in the initial proposal, not any offered ceiling rates unless they are the same.

Question 8.

Reference L.28 Procurement History and Attachment 5 Government Furnished Property (GFP) for Contract 68D00264. Section L.28 states that work for task 10 (SSAP Support) **may not be ordered** until after the expiration of contract 68D00264. Attachment 5 states that the GFP will **not be available** until after 9/30/05. This Offeror assumes that if work for task 10 is ordered prior to the end of contract 68D00264 and before 9/30/05, that the Government will make this listed GFP available to the Offeror at the time of the order. Is this assumption correct?

Response: Our evaluation criteria state that there will be a 30 day phase in period before the end of the current SSAP Support contract and that offerors

should discuss this in their transition plan. We expect offerors to explain in their transition plan how this will occur smoothly with no break in service. If a contractor has a concern in their ability to perform the required work in an interim period with no GFP, they should address in their plan. Reminder to offerors: The GFP from the SSAP will be provided "as is" so contractors will need to repair and/or replace at their own expense. It cannot be determined with 100% assurance that EPA will not need to issue a work assignment for SSAP work before the GFP is completely transferred, the current contractor may be using the equipment and there may be a need to start up new SSAP work before it is completely transferred.

2. The Section I clause entitled "PROPERTY RECORDS (FAR 52.245-1) (APR 1984)" has been deleted.

3. The Section I clause entitled "GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (FIXED-PRICE CONTRACTS) (FAR 52.245-2) (DEC 1989) ALTERNATE I (AUG 1996) DEVIATION" has been deleted.

4. The Section L clause entitled "DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST (RTP-L-14)," paragraph (a), subparagraph (a) has been modified. The revised text (with change highlighted) is as follows:

"(a) The purpose of this contract includes the requirement that the contractor provide support for the Office of Air and Radiation offices involving: (a) appropriate audit materials to assist Federal, **State**, and local air pollution control agencies in evaluating performance of emission test methods; (b) set forth quality assurance requirements, protocols, guidance, and programs that promote proper and consistent application of stationary source emission test and monitoring methods, for activities performed; (c) promote proper and consistent application of stationary source emission measurement and monitoring methods through data quality assessments; (d) performance audits of the Clean Air Status and Trends (CASTNET) sites; (e) preparation and calibration of technical systems audits; (f) performance of field and laboratory activities for PM 2.5 audits; and (g) performance of field activities for non-PM 2.5 audits. All offerors shall specifically disclose whether they have any business or competitive relationships with firms or regulatory agencies who analyze the U.S. EPA Stationary Source Compliance Audit Program audit materials; operate and maintain the Clean Air Status and Trends network sites; operate criteria pollutant monitors from which data are reported to EPA's Air Information Retrieval System (AIRS) for other clients or on other contracts under which the Contractor itself is performing; or have an interest in or own companies who may be affected/impacted by regulations which may be promulgated based in whole or in part from the data."

5. The attachment entitled "STATEMENT OF WORK," Task 1, Number 1, 2nd paragraph has been modified. The revised text (with deleted word highlighted) is as follows:

"Task 1. Preparation, Calibration of Audit Systems and Execution of Technical Systems Audits"

The contractor shall provide support for the preparation, calibration of government furnished (GF) audit systems and execution of technical systems audits that includes, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

1. Preparation and Calibration of Audit Systems. The contractor shall prepare/calibrate the audit systems/materials according to the NPAP Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS) and/or EPA-approved version of the California Air Resources Board (CA ARB) Audit SOPs. The contractor shall check each audit device for cleanliness, operational fitness and calibration prior to its use in the NPAP. The specific internal quality control guidelines are located in Section 11 of the Quality Assurance Project Plan for the National Performance Audit Program.

A variety of audit systems are used in the NPAP. The system used for a NPAP audit is selected based on the types of monitors to be audited and the costs involved in calibrating, shipping and using the audit system. For example, three gaseous pollutant dilution systems are used in the mailable program; these are identified for the purpose of this procurement as the gas dilution system (GDS), the TECO 165, and the TECO 175. The TECO 165 is used when only O₃ monitors are to be audited; the GDS is used when only SO₂ and/or CO monitors are to be audited; and the TECO 175 is used when NO₂ and/or O₃ monitors are to be audited along with SO₂ and/or CO monitors. Contractor review, recommendations for revision, and change concurrence with NPAP SOPs may also be required. Audits delivered by the contractor will be performed according to the [an] EPA-approved version of the CA ARB Audit SOPs included in the EPA QA Handbook, Vol II, Part 1, Appendix 15."